



***Mayor Coleman's 2010 Budget:
Reforming Government, Making Tough Choices,
Investing in Saint Paul's Future***

COMET

A Top to Bottom Reform of City Government

Outdated business management computer systems are costing the City millions of dollars each year. Built on a technology platform dating back to 1985 and made up of more than 35 different computing programs, the system is unable to provide the information the City needs to manage its operations. Simple information such as how much money the City spends on toilet paper or pens and pencils is unknown because there is no single purchasing contract for such items.

For an organization with a \$600 million budget and over 3000 employees, the current operating systems no longer serve the needs of Saint Paul and its residents.

COMET will replace this broken system with an innovative Enterprise Resource Planning system that will carry the City into the future and start generating more than \$5 million a year in savings and efficiencies by 2012.

COMET – City Operations, Modernization, and Enterprise Transformation – is a top-to-bottom reform of the way the City does business. It is an investment in the City's future that will help it function like a successful business with an eye on what's best for residents. With COMET, the City will improve money management; give directors and council members real-time information to make decisions, and free valuable staff and resources to provide better customer service.

Investing Wisely in the Future

Since coming into office in 2006, Mayor Coleman has worked with City Council members, department directors, staff, business and labor leaders to reform the way the City does business. Through assessments, audits, and creative leadership, his efforts have eliminated waste, merged departments, and improved service to residents. In recent years, Saint Paul has made great progress, including the consolidation of services in the departments of Safety and Inspections (DSI) and Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO) as well as a new strategic plan guiding investments in Parks and Recreation.

COMET continues Mayor Coleman's efforts to reform and improve the way the City operates and does business:

- Allocates \$14.4 million in bond proceeds to implement a comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning system.
- Gives council members, directors, and managers real-time information on personnel, City spending, and operations.
- Reduces waste by streamlining core business processes.
- Improves City services by freeing staff to focus more attention on serving residents.
- Generates more than \$5 million in annual savings and efficiencies.